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HONGKONG, 29th JANUARY, 1904

Two telegrams, dated the 9th January, and sent through REUTER'S agency to India, but not transmitted to China or the Straits, announced, one that "the new treaty between France and Siam will assign the whole of Luang Prabang to the French sphere," and the other that, according to the Standard's Paris correspondent, "after the ratification of the new Franco-Siamese treaty, on the 15th February, Siam hands to France the territory conceded to it and appoints delegates to meet for the delimitation of the frontier between Cambodia and Siam, while France evacuates Chantaboon." It appears from this that, as indeed had been foreshadowed, the new treaty is a re-enactment with slight modifications of the treaty concluded between France and Siam toward the end of 1893 but never ratified. By the former treaty Siam ceded to France the provinces of Bassak and Meluprey, on the western bank of the Mekong, together with a small piece of territory in the province of Angkor on the shores of the Great Lake. Siam was also to bind herself to seek French assistance preferentially in constructing ports, canals, or railways in the Mekong basin. In return France was to evacuate Chantaboon, which she has held since 1893, and to permit Siam to keep native troops, officered by natives, on her bank of the Mekong, which by the establishment of the neutral zone by the 1893 agreement she was not allowed to do. This treaty of 1902 was one-sided enough, seeing that the evacuation of Chantaboon had been delayed by France on the flimsiest pretext and that the neutral zone had proved a curse alike to France and Siam by providing an asylum for desperate characters where no troops could follow them. Nevertheless the French Colonials did not consider the convention advantageous enough to their country, and

therefore engineered that it should not be ratified. The hand of M. DOURMEN, the well known ex-Governor of French Indo-China, was plainly evident herein. Bullying Siam had been one of his favourite pursuits, and he returned to France determined to carry on the sport to the utmost in conjunction with the "forward" party there. M. BEAUM, his successor in Indo-China, however, has not lent himself well to the schemes of the expansionists, and it was not until the end of last year that Franco-Siamese relations again reached an acute stage. The 1902 treaty then lapsed, unratified, and telegrams at once began to tell of hostile preparations on the Siamese frontier, while the Colonial party's journals became more violently anti-Siamese. Happily the French Government is not the truculent aggressor that the Colonial party would wish it to be, and now it seems that the treaty has been patched up. France gets extra privileges, though their nature is not clear from the telegrams quoted above. The Luang Prabang mentioned is apparently the name of the whole district, for the town of that name on the east bank of the Mekong is already French, like all the territory on that bank. One might be tempted to think that Luang Prabang is a misreading for Battambang (sometimes called Patabang), the adjoining province to Angkor, for the greater part of Battambang is in the French sphere of influence as defined in the Anglo-French Declaration of 1896. However, it is obvious that an understanding with Britain must precede any extension of the French sphere, especially in the south, where an advance of boundaries means a nearer approach to Bangkok itself. It is not, of course, unlikely that such an understanding may exist; in fact, a rumour somewhat to that effect was announced by our London correspondent some months ago. The French Government made no protest with regard to recent events in Kelantan and Tringganu last year, though the Press of course did not pass the matter over in silence. Then, however, there was no infringement of Siam's sovereign rights by Britain; indeed, in the case of Kelantan, Siam's autonomy was put on a more definite footing than ever before. We notice in a more recent number of the *Pall Mall Gazette* an article on Great Britain in the Malay Peninsula, in which it is stated that "to the far-sighted there is but one forecast to be made as regards our policy in the Peninsula—it must become 'all red.'" The writer continues:—"We must avoid giving our Gallic neighbour a pretext for further activity, while safeguarding and strengthening our own position, but, nevertheless, annexation, or rather federation of the Siamese Protected States with the Federated Malay States, must come." With or without pretext, France is now wresting from Siam two provinces and part of a third, and the easting-away of Siam on the eastern frontier continues briskly. We see that the *Times* of Ceylon, commenting on the telegrams of the 9th instant, remarks:—"A study of the map of Siam now and before JULES FERRY aroused ideas of a Colonial France is significant. Absorption on the same lines twenty-five years hence would mean the extinction of Siam and co-terminous French and Indian boundaries." This is true, and the prospect is not one desirable for either Britain or France. But the ambitions of Indo-China and of Singapore are great, and Siam is inherently weak. It is difficult to see how the constant shrinkage of Siam's frontier, leading which we should much regret. We are glad to take this opportunity of reassuring anyone rendered at all anxious about the China-Manila Zafiro's safety. It is the U.S. transport Zafiro which is missing.

It has been decided that the Cricket Club Dance shall come off on the 8th February.

The deaths are announced of M. Jean Leon Jerome, the celebrated French painter, and of Madame Antoinette Sterling, the singer.

It is notified that Corp. B. C. M. Johnson is "struck off the strength" of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps, as he is not returning to the Colony.

Capt. Gaunt rode horses yesterday morning. This is the first time that this bad-tempered Derby favourite from Tientsin has been seen by an European.

Members of the Victoria Recreation Club are reminded that the scratch races to be held tomorrow, the 30th inst., will commence at 2.30 p.m. sharp. Crows are requested to be ready at 2.15 p.m.

A Naval Football League match took place in the Happy Valley yesterday between the Ocean and Albion teams. The Albion were no match for their opponents, who seemed to enjoy playing in the prevailing high wind and scored a fairly easy victory. A large naval crowd, with a sprinkling of soldiers, watched the game.

## TELEGRAMS.

### LAUNCH OF RIVER STEAMER AT KOWLOON.

#### "DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

### THE WHITAKER WRIGHT CASE.

LONDON, 28th January, 12.45 p.m.

#### A GREAT SCOUNDREL'S END.

Whitaker Wright died after swallowing a dose of cyanide of potassium. At the inquest a verdict of suicide was brought in. A loaded revolver was found in his pocket.

#### REUTER'S SERVICE.

#### SENSATIONAL CABINET SPLIT DENIED.

LONDON, 26th January.

The *Daily News* states that the results of the recent prolonged Cabinet meetings are the imminent resignations of the Marquess of Lansdowne (Foreign Affairs), the Marquess of Londonderry (Lord President of Council), and Mr. Gerald Balfour (President, Board of Trade), as a protest against Mr. Balfour's endorsement of Chamberlainite candidates and his allowing Mr. Chamberlain's fiscal policy generally to displace his own.

LATER.

The statement of the *Daily News* re impending resignations from the Cabinet are untrue.

#### THE WHITAKER WRIGHT TRIAL.

LONDON, 26th January.

Whitaker Wright was sentenced to seven years' penal servitude. After the sentence was passed Whitaker Wright collapsed and died within a few minutes.

#### THE NORTHERN CRISIS.

#### RUSSIAN RECRUITS PASS THROUGH HONGKONG.

The Russian s.s. *Kazan*, from Odessa, cleared at the Harbour Office yesterday. She has some 2,000 tons of general cargo, and 1,830 recruits for Port Arthur. The Russian s.s. *Malaya* arrived from Port Arthur yesterday in ballast.

Shortly after her arrival she cleared for Odessa. Messrs. Malchers & Co. are agents for both vessels. The Nippon Yusen Kaisha s.s. *Tambo-maru*, the vessel on the Japan-Europe line that was recalled from Singapore and had to hand over her cargo and passengers to the French Mail, arrived from Singapore yesterday on her way to Japan. On the voyage up she was in company with the Nippon Yusen Kaisha s.s. *Hitachi-maru*, from Antwerp, with a heavy cargo for Japan, including a large quantity of explosives. Strong monsoon was experienced. The Russian gun-boat *Djigit* left Shanghai on the 22nd inst.

#### MURDER IN THE NEW TERRITORY.

Pau Mat Tai was arrested on Wednesday afternoon, for the murder of Li Hung Ku, a coolie, at Yin Lang village, in the New Territory. He was placed before Mr. T. Sercombe Smith at the Magistracy yesterday, when, after evidence of arrest had been taken, the case was remanded until Thursday, the 3rd prox.

#### CRICKET.

The following will play for the Garrison against the H.K.C. to-morrow, the 30th January: play commences at noon.

Major Chichester, D.S.O., Capt. Kirkpatrick, R.G.A., Capt. Davies, A.O.C., Lieut. Chesney, R.E., Lieut. Cooper, R.E., Lieut. Heath, 110th Mahrattas, Lieut. Hodgeson, S.F., Lieut. Pledge, S.F., Lieut. Debby, R.G.A., and Corporal Bradford, A.O.C.

#### THE YORKSHIRE DINNER.

At a meeting of Yorkshiremen held in the ante-room of the City Hall last evening, Mr. W. Danby in the chair, it was decided to have a Yorkshire Dinner on 7th March. Mr. Arthur Chapman was appointed Hon. Secretary. Yorkshiremen who were not present are requested to communicate with him. A sub-committee was appointed to carry out the arrangements.

#### R.A.O.B.

The R.A.O.B. Club No. 1, Queen's Road East, having been taken over by the King Edward VII. Lodge (No. 910) the members are holding an informal dance on Saturday next at 8 p.m. A large number of invitations have been sent out. A special launch will run to convey the Kowloon residents back. So far everything looks as if the dance will be a great success, as there is a heavy demand for invitations.

in their fleet. He thanked the company for drinking success to the *Lin Tan* and her owners, and would now ask them to join with him in sharing continued success and prosperity to their greatest local industrial institution, the Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., coupling with it the name of its genial and gifted manager Mr. Dixon.

Mr. DIXON thanked them. The Chairman of the Dock Company, said he was unable to be present. The management of Dock Company did not rest on one man; there were many able men on its staff. The quality of work was always high. The accommodation cabins in two lighters recently launched, for instance, could be compared to that on an Atlantic liner. They had, too, to keep down prices. Some prices were good, but for new work there was great competition. Their chief object regarding the *Lin Tan* was to make her a good ship.

H.E. Mr. F. H. MAY said he had quite enough responsibilities of his own without replying for his wife. He found it difficult to make his own speeches, but, on this occasion, he thought it easy to speak on her behalf. She was thankful for the kind words of Messrs. Dixon and Law, and it was a great pleasure to launch a vessel for one of their greatest local industries. She hoped it would be great profit to both the concerns of Messrs. Law and Dixon. She thanked them for their sentiments and kindness that day.

Mr. DIXON replied and toasted the ladies, calling upon Mr. Gershon Stewart to reply.

Hon. GERSHON STEWART said that he was always a worshipper of the fair sex. He was about to pay his attention to one in particular.

#### CANTON.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Canton, 27th January.

#### FURTHER OUTRAGES.

The eastern suburbs of Canton are little known to foreigners. There are no "sights" for the tourist in a quarter composed chiefly of slums, with the exception of the blind village—not a cheerful spot. After dark more especially is this part of the city, with its low and filthy parlours, to be avoided. It bears an evil reputation. It is impossible during the night to get a sampan to get up the canal which flows past the mint; the people are in deadly fear of thieves, both by water and on land, and the following incident is not calculated to cause these fears to decrease, nor to justify confidence in the powers of the authorities. On the first day of this month it was very cold (the 4th day is Chinese Midwinter). The guard at the guard-house situated just outside the east gate left, as night came on, that the cold was too severe to be borne outside, and accordingly 18 of them retired into the back-rooms, leaving one on guard to "save face." This man, sitting smoking by the door, was presently accosted by a stranger, and before he could answer, a blanket was thrown over his head, and he was gagged and securely bound. Five men then entered the guard-house, which they proceeded to ransack. All the rifles, spears, and even uniforms were carried away, and the thieves were far from the spot before any alarm was raised.

All ready Mrs. May cut the cord, thereby releasing the dog-shore holding the vessel. For some few minutes the vessel did not move, the hydraulic jack to give her the first impetus not seeming to shove hard enough. At length, however, she commenced to slide down the well greased ways, Mrs. May breaking a bottle of champagne on her bows, while the crowd on the platform waved their hats and gave three cheers. The vessel ever gathering speed, took the water very nicely, afterwards being hauled alongside.

Mr. W. B. DIXON, addressing the assembly, said that on behalf of the Dock Company he had the greatest pleasure in seeing the ladies present at the launch. The *Lin Tan* was the first of a series for Mr. Law. He also availed himself of the opportunity to thank Mrs. May for her flowers as a token of their gratification at her having been able, among her other numerous important engagements, to find time to perform the ceremony.

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Mr. D. R. LAW on behalf of the owners joined the builders in expressing their warmest thanks for Mrs. May's kindness in launching the *Lin Tan* so successfully and graciously. He called for three cheers for the ladies.

When everyone was comfortably seated in the Dock Ball-room Mr. Dixon wished success to the goodship *Lin Tan*. The youngster had taken her first stop. She was intended for the West River and would probably accommodate from 150 to 200 passengers. There would be not more than 12 berths for Europeans; 15 or 20, however, could be carried if the sofas were utilised. Chinese first-class berths would number about 30, and other Chinese could smoke their pipes comfortably below. He was very pleased to avail himself of the occasion to thank Mr. Law for the order. There were still three months in which to complete the vessel; six months had gone. He begged to propose success to the vessel, coupling with the toast the name of his friend Mr. Law, who was a stiff business man, having principles to serve his firm in the best way.

Mr. LAW in responding said that he was sure the owners considered themselves very fortunate in having had their vessel launched and christened by so lucky a lady as Mrs. May. They had also to congratulate themselves on being in the hands of builders like the Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co. Their name was a guarantee for the highest workmanship. It was a comparatively easy task for their surveyors to superintend the building of a vessel contracted for with the Hongkong Dock Co.; and they were generous builders as well, always willing, no anxious to adopt any suggestions and improvements, although not embodied in their contract without extra charge. He could not therefore do better than recommend any of the ladies or gentlemen who might be contemplating building a steamer to contract their orders to his friend Mr. Dixon. They saw with what high esteem his own firm held the Dock Company's work. Yonder lay the keel and frames of the China Navigation Co.'s new Yangtze steamer which they hoped to see launched about mid-summer. He mentioned as a matter of interest that *Lin Tan* was the name of one of the districts on the West River in which a large quantity of their fancy floor matting was manufactured. He hoped that the day was not far distant when they might find it profitable to build a sister-ship to be called after one of the other matting districts. He could assure them that they were always ready to give orders for vessels when the trade demanded an increase

#### VICEROY SHUH STILL ACTIVE.

For some time there has been no official at Wuchow above the rank of district magistrate, but at length the Viceroy has appointed a *Tao-tai* to that important post. The last *Tao-tai* under the late Viceroy complained that the *feng-shui* of the neighbourhood exercised an adverse influence on his residence, and he was permitted to retire from his post. Considerable inconvenience has been caused by the fact that there has for so long been no responsible official of equal rank with a Consul at Wuchow, and affairs are now placed on a more satisfactory footing, thanks to Viceroy Shuh.

#### FREEEAR'S FRIVOLITIES.

We would remind our readers that Mr. Freeear will introduce his "Frivolities" to a Hongkong audience in the City Hall to-morrow night. No little curiosity will be felt about this "one-man show," about which we hear such remarkably favourable reports from other parts of the world. Mr. Freeear will also appear on Monday, and on both occasions the interval will be occupied by a new biopic show.

#### HONGKONG VOLUNTEER PARADES.

Artillery Companies parade as follows:—At Head Quarters at 5 p.m. on Monday, 1st February, for Gun Laying, C.S.M. Whelan, R.G.A., will attend; at Head Quarters at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 3rd February, for 15 Pr. B.L. Gun Drill, Sergeant Bartolome, R.G.A., will attend; at Head Quarters at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, 5th February, for 15 Pr. B

## HONGKONG SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held yesterday afternoon in the Board Room. Hon. Dr. J. M. Atkinson presided, and there were also present Hon. W. Chatham, Director of Public Works; Mr. Fung W. Chun; Colonel W. E. Webb, R.A.M.C.; Hon. H. E. Pollock, K.C.; Mr. E. A. Hewett, Mr. A. Rummjahn, Dr. W. W. Pearce, Acting Medical Officer of Health; Dr. B. Barnett, Assistant Medical Officer of Health; Mr. G. A. Woodcock (Secretary) and Mr. J. H. Kemp (Assistant Secretary).

## SHAKTONGTSU MARKET.

Correspondence was submitted relative to the stalls in Shaktongtsu Market, and on the motion of the President, seconded by Mr. Fung W. Chun, it was agreed that stalls 11 to 13 be used for the sale of fruit and vegetables.

## THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND BUILDINGS BILL.

The Acting M. O. H. moved:—As my refusal to countersign certificates of occupation of new buildings, which do not comply with the amended act, 153 of the P. H. O. has already caused opposition from architects, I wish to draw the attention of the Board to this section particularly. Throughout the Colony there are a great number of ground floor rooms with no glazed window area which can be counter to legislation under section 153. We like such rooms are used as shops and are open in front all day the want of window area is not felt, but when these rooms are used for other purposes, e.g. family houses, opium-divans, common lodging-houses, etc., it becomes important to insist on section 153 being complied with. I should like the Board, in view of the great opposition which will be encountered, to state their decision as to whether they wish this section enforced without exception or not, and I will then inspect in accordance with their decision.

The President minuted:—The Board might make a ruling that no action shall be taken if the ground floors are used as shops, as it is not the custom to have glass fronts. Mr. Hewett minuted:—I agree with Mr. Pollock, if the shops are not also used as sleeping rooms.

Mr. Rummjahn minuted:—It would be better that the upper portion of shop fronts should be provided with a netting of small iron bars, placed conveniently apart to admit air during sleeping hours as shown on a sketch submitted by me in one or two committee meetings.

Mr. Pollock minuted:—In the case of shops, some relaxation of the strict enforcement of the provisions appears to be desirable.

Mr. Lau Chu Pak minuted:—I agree with Mr. Pollock.

The D.P.W. minuted:—I agree with Mr. Pollock.

The President said this matter now came under Section 19 of Ord. 23 of 1903 by which each room must have a window area one-tenth of the floor area and one-half of that area must be glazed. Shops were rooms, but he did not think it was ever intended that this should apply to shops; and it occurred to him that it might be advisable that the Board should make a ruling to the effect that no action be taken if these ground floors were used as shops.

The custom in the Colony was for the shops to open during the day and closed with shutters during the night.

Mr. Hewett asked if these shops were not used as sleeping-rooms?

Dr. Pearce said in 99 cases out of 100 they are slept in.

The Vice-President moved that in connection with this matter no action be taken by the Board in requiring a glazed area in the case of shop fronts so long as they were used as shops.

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK seconded and the motion was agreed to.

Mr. HEWETT, who did not vote, said, when referred to by the President, that they must not overlook the fact that nearly all these shops were used as sleeping rooms.

The Vice-President remarked that that did not affect the question, for when people were asleep it was dark at night, and there was no effect in having a glass window in the place.

## SUMMARY PROCEEDINGS.

The President moved: "That the Board, under the provisions of Section 30 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, despatch Inspector S. M. Gidley to institute summary proceedings before a Magistrate against any person contravening any of the B-1-Laws duly made under Section 16 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, when so directed, in writing by one of the Medical Officers of Health, also, that the Board, under the provisions of Section 256 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, despatch Inspector S. M. Gidley to institute summary proceedings before a Magistrate for the recovery of any penalty imposed by Part II. of the said Ordinance or any B-1-Laws made thereunder, when so directed in writing by one of the Medical Officers of Health."

The Vice-President seconded.

Hon. Mr. O'LOCK thought that the number of prosecuting inspectors should be limited as much as possible, as there was a lot of time wasted while these inspectors were waiting on their cases coming on at the Police Court.

The President said there were only two such inspectors.

The motion was agreed to.

There was submitted a letter from the Sanitary Surveyor recommending that Inspector E. Duncan be deputed by the Board to institute summary proceedings and recover penalties.

The President moved that this appointment be made.

The Vice-President seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

## M. O. H. BY COLONEL WEBB.

Colonel Webb had given notice of the following motion:—"That the Board recommend the Government to take the necessary steps to improve the sanitary condition (up to the military boundary) of the road leading from Hill Street to Lower Belcher Fort, and to supply adequate latrine accommodation for the Chinese in this part."

Mr. Rummjahn minuted:—There is a public latrine immediately below the Belcher's Fort, in Queen's Road West, on the site of the old slaughter-house.

Colonel Webb said the state of this road was dangerous to the health of the men of the garrison and the Chinese in the neighbourhood. In the middle of the street was a channel which was used by the Chinese as a latrine and which smelt very objectionably. He suggested that this be covered over at a latrine put up near the place.

The President said that when the M. O. H. was informed by Colonel Webb of the existence of this nuisance he visited the spot and correspondence had been started between the P.W.D., the Aforestation Department, and the Police in order to mitigate it as far as possible.

Dr. Pearce stated that his inspection of this place showed, at the complaint of the military authorities were justified, but the only thing he could see for it was to have continuous police supervision.

The President moved that the C.S.P. be asked to take such steps as might be necessary for the abatement of this nuisance.

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK seconded, and the amendment was agreed to.

## OPUM-DIVANS.

Further correspondence relative to concreting the floors of opium-divans on the upper stories was considered by the Board.

On the motion of the President it was agreed that a sufficient flooring for the upper floors of such divans be smooth-faced cement tiles.

## MODIFICATION WANTED.

Messrs. Palmer and Turner again wrote to the Board with reference to the application of the 30th ult. respecting the proposed houses on I.L. No. 679 for which they asked for a modification of the requirements of sect. 180 of Ordinance 1 of 1903. It will be remembered that the Board submitted there was no power to make the modification, and applicants now write that sect. 1—o—gave the Board the power, wherein it stated "and may, in any case, make such modification as may be recommended by the Board." It would have been more correct, perhaps, they wrote, had we applied for a modification of the requirements of Ordinance 1 of 1903 with respect to the open space to be provided in the rear of the houses by the owner. They, therefore, amended the application for the consideration of the Board.

The D.P.W. minuted:—I am in favour of recommending this application to the Governor in Council. The type of house is a good one, and owing to the configuration of the ground, the houses will stand above those in the rear of them.

This was agreed to.

## WASHING SOILED CLOTHES.

In consequence of a complaint having been made by Miss Johnston,airline, Bowring Road respecting the habit of a large number of Chinese washing soiled clothes in the north surface channel opposite her house, and the fact that the smell from the channel was at times very offensive, Inspector T. P. Conolly laid the matter before the secretary, and the acting Medical Officer of Health reported that the Sanitary Board can prohibit the washing of clothes there. It would be well to do this, he wrote, as the hot water from the Bowring Road pumping engine is sometimes used for washing in.

Dr. Atkins minuted:—If the members approve a public notice will be put up prohibiting this.

Mr. E. A. Hewett minuted:—Prohibit. The Sanitary Board should do what is possible to enable the Chinese to obtain water for washing clothes.

Mr. Rummjahn minuted:—Yes, agreed.

Mr. Pollock minuted:—Prohibit by notice.

Col. Webb minuted:—Prohibit.

Mr. Lau Chu Pak minuted:—The Chinese cannot wash their clothes there because they cannot obtain a sufficient supply from the main. Before prohibiting it the board ought to see that they be given a sufficient supply for washing purposes.

The Acting Registrar-General minuted:—Cannot this hot water, which is now running to waste, be taken down to the corner of High Street and Pilkulam Road? It would be very useful, I think, by the Chinese in Third Street and High Street.

The President moved that a notice-board be placed there warning these people not to wash clothes in these channels.

The Vice-President seconded and the motion was agreed to.

## CHINESE FIREPLACES.

Correspondence was laid on the table relative to Chinese fireplaces, etc., with tracings showing same.

On the motion of the President, seconded by Hon. Mr. POLLOCK, it was agreed that in cases where there were properly constructed chimneys as long as they were used as shops, the Board should not insist on having hoods also.

Mr. Hewett remarked that that should be conditional on the Chinese putting their chimneys on the fireplaces. When there was no room there they often put a row of chimneys in other parts of the room. The inspectors would have to keep a look-out for them.

Dr. Pearce:—It is absolutely impossible to prevent the Chinese from putting chimneys in the corners of their rooms.

Dr. Pearce:—Then I would suggest that the inspectors burn them if they find them there.

## SCREENS AND CUBICLES.

A minute by the M.C.H. was submitted relative to cubicles and screens on ground floors.

The President moved that these screens be allowed so long as they were of light material and were drawn aside during the day. It had been suggested that they could not even have a mosquito-net.

Mr. HEWETT seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

## HEALTHY HONGKONG.

Against the mortality statistics Mr. Rummjahn had minuted, "Who said Hongkong was not a healthy place?" and he backed this up by quoting figures showing that for the first three-quarters of December the rate per 1,000 in Hongkong was over two points lower than those of the city of London and seven or eight large towns.

The Vice-President said they had heard so much lately of the unhealthiness of Hongkong that it was very satisfactory to learn about our low death-rate.

The President reminded the Board, however, that Hongkong differed very much from London in respect that the great majority of the population here consisted of adults from 20 to 40 years of age.

There was no other important public business before the meeting.

## SUPREME COURT.

Thursday, 28th January.

## IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR SIR WILLIAM M. GOODMAN (CHIEF JUSTICE).

J. LLEWELLYN & CO., SHANGHAI.

Hon. H. E. Pollock, K.C., barrister-at-law (instructed by Mr. D. Piper, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, solicitors), appeared in support of a petition for the reduction of the capital of J. Llewellyn & Co., Limited and Reduced, Shanghai. This petition, he said, was made under Section 11 of Ordinance 1 of 1877. He asked his Lordship to confirm the reduction of capital which had been passed by special resolution of the Company. From the affidavits his Lordship would see that a certain amount of capital had been lost or was unrepresented by available assets, and the special resolution which was passed by the Company was to the effect that the capital be reduced from \$120,000 divided into 1,200 shares of \$100 each to \$72,000 divided into 1,200 shares of \$60 each, and that such reduction be effected by cancelling capital which had been lost or was unrepresented by available assets by reducing the nominal amount of the shares in the Company's capital from \$100 to \$60. The advertisements directed by his Lordship to be made had been duly made in the public newspapers. With regard to the creditors, the only creditor of the Company apart from the ordinary outgoings for the working of the Company was the Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China, and there

was on record an affidavit by the manager of the Bank in Shanghai to the effect that he had no objection to this proposed reduction of capital.

His Lordship made an order confirming the resolution.

## IN BANKRUPTCY.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR SIR WILLIAM M. GOODMAN (CHIEF JUSTICE).

## AN INSUFFICIENT STATE.

In the matter of Fung Ting, deceased, ex parte Leung Tast Tai. Mr. H. K. Holmes, solicitor, appeared in support of an application for a modification of the requirements of sect. 180 of Ordinance 1 of 1903. It will be remembered that the Board submitted there was no power to make the modification, and applicants now write that sect. 1—o—gave the Board the power, wherein it stated "and may, in any case, make such modification as may be recommended by the Board."

After hearing Mr. Holmes,

His Lordship said he thought the petitioning creditor was entitled to an order. The application was made under Section 81, Sub-section 1 of the Bankruptcy Ordinance 20 of 1891, by a creditor who showed that the estate of the deceased was insufficient for payment of the debts, and accordingly presented a petition for administration of the estate of the deceased person. The Court, if satisfied that the estate was insufficient, should make an order accordingly. The amount which had been filed showed him that the estate was insufficient for the payment of the debts, and permission was given when this case came before him last time to serve either some person who had taken out letters of administration or the Official Receiver, that had been named by service upon the Official Receiver. He made an order accordingly, Mr. Bruce Shepherd to be Official Receiver, and directed the costs of this application to come out of the estate.

His Lordship—Is the work done yet?

Mr. Holmes—It has not been completed yet. Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Crown Solicitor, conducted the prosecution. He said his instructions were that the work had not yet been commenced. The Tramway Co. had power under their Ordinance to open up roadways for the purpose of laying their tramway subject to certain conditions. One was that they had to give notice of at least seven days before commencing the work—section 11, sub-section 1. Another was that they had to do the work under the superintendence and to the satisfaction of the D.P.W.—sub-section 2. This summons related not to the laying of the tramway but of a cable in connection with the tramway from the City Hall to Arsenal Street. The Tramway Co. gave a proper notice in September. There was an understanding between the D.P.W. and the manager that the tram line should be laid down first and completed first, and that the electric cable which was necessary for the working of the tram line should be laid down afterwards in order to prevent unnecessary disturbance of traffic. The line was laid down and completed, and about a month ago the Company began to open a trench from the City Hall to the corner of Arsenal Street for the purpose of laying their cable. It was opened, the cable was laid and the trench filled in. There was no complaint against the Company as to the time they took; the only complaint was as to the way they had filled in the trench. The space between the tram lines was to be concreted by the Company, and the concrete was to be laid down 18 inches outside the outer tram line. Between the concrete and the side channel of the street the road was macadamised and had to be maintained by the P.W.D. This trench was cut in the macadamised portion of the road from close by the City Hall to Arsenal Street. It was from 18 inches to 2 feet deep. The roadway along that portion of Queen's Road was formed of macadam which was 6 to 8 inches deep. It was instructed that the roadway had been recently relaid by the P.W.D. and at the time it was opened for laying the cable it was in very good condition. The contractor had first to go through some 6 or 8 inches of macadam and then excavate underneath. In filling it in he had to lay the earth and apparently simply shovelled in the heaps of broken macadam on the top of the earth in the trench. He was instructed that that was not the proper way to fill in the trench, and that it must lead to a faulty condition of the road so long as it was allowed to continue. The only proper way of restoring the surface of the road was to fill the trench up to within a few inches of the top with the excavated earth and ram it down and consolidate it properly, and then lay on the top of that excavated earth 6 or 8 inches of macadam. That was what they had failed to do, and that was why the summons had been taken out. They had put in a mixture of earth and broken macadam on the top of the earth and made it appear good by ramming and compacting, but it was absolutely necessary that 6 or 8 inches of the surface should be picked up and relaid with good macadam in the proper way.

H. P. Tooker, Executive Engineer, P.W.D., was the first witness called. He said that the road was laid with concrete and sand, and then watered and left until it consolidated. To lay the cable it was necessary to cut through the trench. After the cable was laid the trench was filled up with the old macadam and debris from the road, and when finished the surface of the trench was about 3 inches higher than the level of the road. Witness inspected the trench mentioned on the morning of the 21st inst. and it was then in the condition described. The road has not been restored to a condition satisfactory to the Public Works Department, and will always in wet weather create a lot of mud, while at all times being full of holes. The filling of the road should have been consolidated before laying the macadam and the latter ought to have been rolled and covered with a thin layer of concrete, and then watered and rolled until it was consolidated. To do this it would be necessary to pick up the filling to a depth of 6 or 8 inches. Since the notice sent to the defendant company no steps have been taken to put the road in good order. There have been attempts to water and scrape the macadam, but that is not enough. The macadam must be taken up, screened (sifted), and re-laid. That was the case for the complainant.

Mr. Holmes, of the Electric Tramway Co., said that steps had been taken to conform with the requirements of the P.W.D.

His Lordship held that there had been time to do the work properly, but on the defendant Company undertaking to see that the work was immediately done, and as the prosecution had stated that they would be satisfied with a nominal fine, His Worship said he would fine the defendant \$5, and warn them that if the work was not completed in 10 days' time, they would render themselves liable for a fine of \$25 for every day the work remained incomplete.

His Lordship after hearing further evidence gave judgment for the plaintiffs for \$100 and costs.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—

On the 28th at 11 A.M. The barometer has fallen over Japan, risen along the China coast. A high pressure area lies over N. China, and pressure is relatively low to the N.E. of Japan and over the S. part of the China Sea. Gradients moderate with strong monsoon in the Formosa Channel and the China Sea. Forecast—Fresh N.E. winds, fine.

## POLICE COURT.

Thursday, 28th January.

BEFORE MR. T. SERCOMBE SMITH (POLICE MAGISTRATE).

## THE TRAMWAY CO. AND THE OPENING OF THE STREETS.

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Hongkong, 28th January, 1904.

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## NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 28th January, 1904.

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VICTOR H. DEACON, 10, Queen's Road, Hongkong, 1st January, 1904.

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| GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL | "PAK LING"   | On 12th February. |
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| FROM                            | STEAMERS   | TO SAIL           |
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| LONDON and ANTWERP              | "KINTUCK"  | On 16th February. |
| GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL | "KEEMUN"   | On 22nd February. |
| LONDON and ANTWERP              | "MOYUNE"   | On 1st March.     |
| LONDON and ANTWERP              | "GLAUCUS"  | On 15th March.    |
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|--|------------------------------|---------------------|----------|
| SHANGHAI   | "WOOSUNG"                    | On 29th January.    |          |
| CEBU   | "HUNAN"                      | On 29th January.    |          |
| PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY  | "ANHUI"                      | On 30th Jan., NOON. |          |
| ISLAND COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE  | "ICHANG"                     | On 1st February.    |          |
| ILIOLO   | "CHIHLI"                     | On 3rd February.    |          |
| MANILA   | "CHANGSHA"                   | On 5th February.    |          |
| YOKOHAMA and NOBE  | "CHANGSHA"                   | On 8th February.    |          |
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|--|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| LONDON, &c.  | { BENGAL { G. Phillips        | Now, 30th January   | { See Special<br>Advertisement. |
| SHANGHAI   | { CHUBAN { W. B. Palmer, R.N. | About 1st February  | { Freight and<br>Passage.       |
| LONDON, AMSTERDAM and ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MELBOURNE | { PALEMO { E. G. Andrews      | About 14th February | { Freight only.                 |
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| Capt. v. Binzer | (Calling at Singapore and Penang)  |               |                       |
| ALESSIA         | HAURE and HAMBURG                  | On 9th Feb.   | Freight.              |
| C. FERD. LAEISZ | HAURE and HAMBURG                  | On 27th Feb.  | Freight.              |
| SITHONIA        | HAURE and HAMBURG                  | On 8th Mar.   | Freight.              |
| SAMBIA          | HAURE and HAMBURG                  | On 22nd Mar.  | Freight.              |
| ANDALUSIA       | HAURE and HAMBURG                  | On 5th April. | Freight.              |
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Hongkong, 12th January, 1904.

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Captain Stallard, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 2nd February.

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Hongkong, 19th January, 1904.

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THE H.A.L. Steamship

"SITHONIA."

Captain Hildebrandt, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

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HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

Hongkong, 21st January, 1904.

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Hongkong, 23rd September, 1903.

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